

27 MEET DEATH  
IN LEITER'S MINEOnly Survivor of Explosion  
Is an Italian Boy.

## LIST OF THE VICTIMS

Bodies of Nineteen Recovered.  
Eight Still Missing.Men Engaged in Cleaning Away  
Debris from Recent Fire When  
Spark from Electric Motor Comes  
in Contact with Quantity of Gas.  
Mr. Leiter Heads Relief Party—Ex-  
pert Confident Mine Was Safe.Ziegler, Ill., Jan. 10.—Joe Leiter's ill-  
fated mine, located here, was the scene  
of another disastrous explosion shortly  
after midnight last night in which twenty-  
seven men lost their lives. The only  
survivor of the explosion is an Italian  
boy who escaped unharmed.The following is a list of the victims  
whose bodies have been recovered:Willis Warner, foreman; Albert Kern,  
foreman; James Patterson, Joseph Rich-  
ardson, Fred Morgan, J. O. Evans, M.  
G. Jones, Joseph Tate, James Phillips,  
A. J. Jerrill, Bob Hubbard, Cebe Puckett,  
Charles Smother, Apostle Hudaloss,  
Stephen Iznoss, Joseph Duleno, Joseph  
Wallo, Stephen Deaneff.

## Eight Bodies Not Recovered.

Eight bodies have not yet been recov-  
ered, and these are thought to be all  
Americans. The search for the bodies  
will continue until all have been found,  
and the task will probably be completed  
by midnight. It is understood that the  
explosion was caused by a spark from  
an electric motor which came in contact  
with a quantity of gas.The explosion was not attended by  
any considerable concussion, as is evi-  
denced by the fact that but little dam-  
age was done to the interior of the mine.  
Joseph Leiter, who was on the scene  
shortly after the catastrophe, headed a  
relief party into the mine.A member of the party, Joseph Hus-  
band, a personal friend of Mr. Leiter,  
who has been visiting him here the past  
week, was overcome by the gases, and  
was revived after much effort.

## Cleaning Away Debris.

An expert, who has been experiment-  
ing with the gases in the mine during  
the past week, left on Wednesday, con-  
fident that he had placed the mine in a  
safe condition to be operated. The men  
who were caught in the explosion were  
engaged in cleaning away the debris  
resulting from the fire which had been  
burning recently, and operations were to  
have been resumed this week. Mr.  
Leiter was much affected by the loss of  
life, and remained at the mine all day  
assisting the workmen in their various  
tasks.The explosion is in a manner similar  
to the catastrophe of four years ago in  
which sixty men were killed.

## GETS EARLY MAPS OF TEXAS.

Head of Historical Department of  
University Brings Back Treasures.Austin, Tex., Jan. 10.—Dr. Herbert E.  
Bolton, who is the head of the historical  
department of the University of Texas,  
has returned from Mexico, where he has  
been for the last three years making re-  
search into the ancient archives of the  
government and church.He has made some wonderful discov-  
eries. He found the original manuscripts  
of the earliest viceroys, copies of their  
reports to the King of Spain, reports of  
the early governors of the province of  
Texas to the viceroys, reports of the mis-  
sionaries to the viceroys and ecclesiasti-  
cal authorities.He also unearthed the original report  
of the discovery of the famous San Sahab  
gold mine, with full data as to the rich-  
ness of its ore and its location. This  
mine was never found.

## WOMAN IS BURNED TO DEATH.

Six Other Inmates of House at Time  
of Fire Arrested.Asbury Park, N. J., Jan. 10.—Some time  
near midnight last night a ten-room house  
on the outskirts of Neptune City, about  
a mile from this place, occupied by a  
woman who was variously known as  
Mrs. Casteln and Mrs. Gerson, caught  
fire, and when the flames were exting-  
uished the charred body of the woman was  
found in the ruins. Because of a  
mark on the back of the woman's skull  
which seemed to have been the result of  
a wound, the police are working on the  
theory that murder was done. Two  
women and four men in the place at the  
time of the fire were arrested and held  
without bail to await action of the cor-  
oner.

## DUE NOTICE TO THIEVES.

Saff's Constable Will Print News of  
Sherlock Holmes' Acts.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia  
and Maryland—Rain to-day and  
colder at night; partly cloudy and  
much colder to-morrow; fresh  
southerly winds, shifting to the  
northwest.

## HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

Poisoned Wine at Amateur Play.  
1—Twenty-seven Die in Mine.  
2—Famous Lost Gold Mine Located.  
3—Bull and Tiger Fight to Death.  
4—Fertilizer Firm in Big Merger.  
5—Kern in Lead in Indiana Race.  
6—Girl Attacked on Way to Church.  
7—Baylor Reaches Messina.  
8—Catholic Bishop Consecrated.

## LOCAL.

1—Boy Thought to Have Been Kidnapped.  
2—Benefit Concert Given by Italians.  
3—House to Investigate Secret Service.  
4—German Societies Plan for Concert.  
5—Final Plea Made for Playgrounds.  
6—Pinchot Reports on Forest Service.  
7—Speakers Outline Fight on Saloons.  
8—Peace in Army and Navy Union.

## KERN IN THE LEAD

Bryan's Running Mate Looks  
Like Winner in Indiana.

## CANDIDATES ROUND UP VOTE

Senatorial Caucus on Wednesday  
Is Expected to Poll from 29 to 35  
Votes, with 43 Necessary to Nominate—Early Break Is Looked for.  
Concede Kern Will Lead.Indianapolis, Jan. 10.—The several  
candidates whose names will be submitted  
to the senatorial caucus on Wednesday  
night spent an active day to-day round-  
ing up their votes and laying plans for  
the final struggle.It is conceded on all sides that John  
W. Kern, recent candidate for the Vice  
Presidency, will be the leading candi-  
date on the first ballot, and that his  
strength is so well organized that it will  
stand with him to the end.The lowest estimates give him twenty-  
nine votes on the first ballot, and the  
highest thirty-five, with a certainty of  
gaining additional votes from any can-  
didate who may be dropped on subse-  
quent ballots. As only forty-three votes  
are necessary to nominate, Kern's  
strength is greater than the combined  
votes of any two of his opponents.

## Concede Kern Will Lead.

The estimates for other candidates, who  
concede that Kern will be in the lead,  
but who give him only about twenty  
votes, are: ten each for Lamb and Hoff-  
man, thirteen for Slack, and fifteen for  
Shively, and possibly five for Menzies,  
making a total of fifty-three represented  
by the opposition. In this number there  
are not less than twenty who would be  
for Kern if released by candidates from  
their home districts, and as some must  
withdraw after a few ballots, Kern's  
friends do not see how he can possibly  
lose.There have been intimations that Mr.  
Bryan has said a kind word here and  
there for his erstwhile running mate, but  
no member can be found who will admit  
that Bryan has taken any part in the  
fight.

## YAQUI INDIANS SURRENDER.

Chief Bule and His Men Placed on  
Mexican Army Pay Roll.Hermosillo, Mexico, Jan. 10.—Chief Bule,  
the leader of the Yaqui Indian rebels, has  
surrendered, with his entire force of  
braves, according to a telegram just re-  
ceived here from Gen. Luis E. Torres.  
Bule, according to the terms of the  
treaty, is to retain sixty-five men as a  
bodyguard, the accommodations and arms  
of those being furnished by the govern-  
ment, which will also place the chief with  
his men on the army pay roll.On the other hand, Bule is to exert all  
his energies toward concentrating his fel-  
low-tribesmen with the object of getting  
on their journey he and his wife and  
daughter may be accompanied by Mrs.  
W. H. Taft.President-elect and Mrs. Taft attended  
divine services this morning in St. James'  
Methodist Episcopal Church. To-morrow  
Mr. Taft will be the guest of Charles A.  
Bohler, tax collector of this county, at a  
luncheon party at Mr. Bohler's residence,  
eleven miles from Augusta. To-morrow  
evening he will be entertained at the  
hotel by the Augusta Bar Association.

## SLAIN NEAR HIS DOOR.

Wealthy Coal Dealer of Atlanta Ex-  
plodes—Without Naming Assassin.Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 10.—Early this morn-  
ing W. L. Black, a wealthy coal dealer,  
was murdered within fifty yards of his  
home, whither he was going. As Black  
passed a dark corner just before he  
reached the gate of his home he was  
shot three times. When the neighbors,  
alarmed by shots, reached Black he was  
dying. He apparently knew his mur-  
derer, for he made effort to grasp out a  
name, but death prevented articulation.  
Bloodhounds were at once put on the  
trail, and the dogs caused the arrest of  
Daniel Garvin, a brother-in-law. Garvin  
pleads innocence, but the police allege  
they have strong evidence against him.  
The police claim that Garvin had threat-  
ened to kill Black if he did not cease  
attention to Mrs. Garvin.

## Tired of Fight for Alamo.

Austin, Jan. 10.—The executive com-  
mittee of the Daughters of the Texas Re-  
public have adopted resolutions urging  
the legislature to take the ancient Alamo  
mission building at San Antonio out of  
their hands and place it in the custody  
of the State. Two factions of the or-  
ganization have been fighting for pos-  
session of the building for several years.POISONED BY WINE  
IN AMATEUR PLAYVictim Is Business Man of  
Town in Delaware.

## DRINKS BURNING LIQUID

Raises His Glass High in Air  
When Cue Is Given.Charles L. Pippin Taking Part in  
Benefit for Church Organ May Be  
Victim of Some Enemy and Sensa-  
tional Developments Are Promised  
in the Case—Conspiracy May Be  
Shown by Rigid Investigation.Philadelphia, Jan. 10.—His system thor-  
oughly poisoned, as the result of drink-  
ing a glass of supposedly poisoned wine,  
while enacting a part in an amateur  
performance of a play on January 1 for  
the benefit of an organ fund of the  
Methodist Church of Maryland, Del.,  
Charles L. Pippin, a well-known busi-  
ness man of that place, died this morn-  
ing.Everything known to science was done  
to save him, but despite the skill of  
physicians he died after lingering ten  
days.The play in which he took part was  
"The Only Girl." In one of the scenes  
Pippin, who took a prominent part in  
the cast, had to drink a glass of wine.  
Howard Griffith, amateur performer,  
tasted the wine before Pippin, but find-  
ing it burning to the taste merely wet his  
lips with it. Pippin, on the contrary,  
when he received his cue, raised the  
glass high in the air, gave his toast,  
and the next moment swallowed the  
liquid."My God, it is burning my insides;  
give me water, quick!" he shouted.  
Dr. H. Evans, who was in the cast,  
hurriedly gave the man water, but this  
did not relieve his agony.Yet, despite this, he returned to the  
stage, and, although suffering intense  
pain, he played his part through. When  
he reached home he became worse, and  
died this morning. A rigid investigation  
is to be made, and sensational develop-  
ments, in which a conspiracy will be  
shown, is hinted at.

## "TEDDY BEAR" HAS RIVAL.

Georgians Originate "Billy Possum"  
for Taft's Administration.Atlanta, Jan. 10.—The "possum craze,"  
caused by the expressed desire of Presi-  
dent-elect Taft that it be served at the  
banquet to be given him by the Atlanta  
Chamber of Commerce, has become so  
pronounced that several Georgians pro-  
pose to turn it in a commercial direction.  
A company is now being formed which  
proposes to manufacture "Billy possum"  
toys and put them on the market as suc-  
cessors to the "Teddy bears," which have  
been so much in demand during Roose-  
velt's occupancy of the White House.It was in Mississippi that the "Teddy  
bear" had its origin, and Georgia pro-  
poses to confer similar distinction on the  
next President. The Georgians who pro-  
pose to put "Billy possum" on the market  
figure that there is lots of money in it.  
They say the immense popularity of Taft  
will insure a general demand.

## GOES TO BOYHOOD HOME.

Tang Shao Yi, Soon to Return to  
China, Visits Old Friends.Springfield, Mass., Jan. 10.—Tang Shao  
Yi, special commissioner to the United  
States, who has been unexpectedly re-  
called to China, is the guest to-night of  
E. G. Gardner, of Atwater road, and will  
spend two days in the same house where  
he spent nearly nine years of his boy-  
hood days. He reached here to-night at  
7:10 o'clock from New York, and was  
met at the station by George C. Gardner,  
who was his classmate in Hooker Gram-  
mar School and the Springfield High  
School.Tang Shao Yi came to this country in  
1820 to be educated, and was taken into  
the family of E. C. Gardner. He fitted  
for college, but was recalled to China in  
1831, and since then has become one of  
the great men of the Chinese empire.

## CLINGS TO HER SWEETHEART.

Girl Refuses to Leave Former Priest  
in His Cell.New York, Jan. 10.—Nicolas Siani, the  
Newark priest, who has been under ar-  
rest here for several days, charged with  
the abduction of Juliette Testa, daughter  
of a Newark barber, was rearranged  
before Magistrate Steiner in the Jef-  
ferson Market Court to-day. The girl was  
also in court.The warrant from Jersey charges that  
Siani married Juliette without her par-  
ents' consent. There was no marriage,  
however, and the warrant is of no ef-  
fect. Siani affirms that he loves the girl.  
He wanted Magistrate Steiner to marry  
them this morning. The court refused.  
The girl was set free. She refused to  
accept her freedom, saying that as long  
as Siani had to remain in prison she  
would stay, too. She will not have to  
stay long as her father is coming  
from Newark to-morrow. He will go with  
his daughter, and Siani, who is to be set  
free, to the marriage license bureau and  
the couple will be properly married.

## GAGGED AND THEN KILLED.

Officers Find \$25,000 in Bonds, but  
No Money in Bachelor's House.Wichita, Kans., Jan. 10.—Charles John-  
son, a wealthy bachelor, living near Har-  
per, Kans., was found dead to-day in his  
house, with his feet bound, his mouth  
gagged, and his skull crushed by a  
hatchet.Officers who searched the place found  
\$25,000 in bonds, but no money. Robbery  
is believed to have been the motive for  
the murder. Johnson was robbed last  
April of \$1,000. No trace of the robbers  
was ever found.

## BLIZZARD IS STILL RAGING.

Thirty-two Below Zero in Helena  
and Indians Suffer Greatly.Helena, Mont., Jan. 10.—There are no  
indications that the blizzard which  
for a solid week has enveloped the State  
will abate. Last night was the coldest  
of the season in Helena, reaching 32 be-  
low, while Havre, Missoula, and other  
points report as low as 40. To-night it  
is slightly warmer, being 15 below at 6  
p. m., but with indications that it will  
drop 15 more before morning.Snow is again falling. From Northern  
Montana points come reports of a coal  
shortage. Railroads are making their  
chief efforts at moving passenger trains,  
with indifferent success, and the outlook  
for coal shipments is anything but bright.Realizing that government assistance  
for the two indigent Indian bands near  
here will have to go through the cus-  
tomary red tape at Washington, judging  
from telegrams received here, citizens of  
Helena will provide for them. Judge Hunt  
has received a telegram from Washington  
that an inspector was sent here to make  
inquiry into their condition. This was in  
reply to his urgent message for relief for  
the red men.

## BULL AND TIGER

## FIGHT TO DEATH

Spectacle Is Witnessed by  
5,500, Mostly Americans.

## BOTH ANIMALS WILL BE SHOT

Feroocious Beasts Goaded and Tor-  
tured Until They Begin Combat.  
Mexicans Cheer the Brutal Per-  
formance, Which Is Stopped—Both  
Animals Helpless from Wounds.El Paso, Tex., Jan. 10.—A fight between  
a Tiaqua bull and a Bengal tiger in the  
bull ring in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, op-  
posite El Paso, this morning was feroc-  
ious and necessitated the killing of both  
animals. The spectacle was witnessed by  
5,500 persons, largely Americans, many of  
them tourists, who stopped over especially  
to witness it.After three bulls had been dispatched  
in the regulation manner the two animals,  
inclosed in an iron cage, about thirty feet  
square, were brought together and the  
battle commenced. The bull was first  
taken into the inclosure and tortured in  
the usual bullfight style, to arouse his ire  
and then the iron cage containing the  
tiger was wheeled up to the entrance.The tiger refused to get out and open  
the battle and the enraged bull attempted  
to get into the small cage and get at his  
adversary. The bull was badly scratched  
about the face.Finally the tiger came from his cage,  
and the bull, a big, ugly, black fellow,  
gored him with a long, sharp horn as he  
emerged. With a screech of pain, the  
tiger gave a powerful lunge that broke  
the bull's right leg, and then the two  
animals, maddened with pain, went into  
the fight for their lives.The tiger was able to spring out of the  
way of the bull in a number of instances,  
but when the big, heavy animal caught his  
adversary it was death to the tiger.The bull stepped on the tiger in one in-  
stance, and soon disabled him by injur-  
ing his back. After that the fighting was  
very tame, and was soon stopped, al-  
though the Mexicans cheered the brutal  
performance and wanted it to proceed.The fight was declared a draw by the  
judges, and wagers on the result were  
decided off. Both animals will have to be  
shot.

## NEGRO BEATS AND ROBS GIRL.

Police of Richmond Guard Prisoner  
from Vengeance of Mob.Miss Mary Stumpf, Attacked on  
Way to Church, May Die  
of Injuries.Richmond, Va., Jan. 10.—Charles Gil-  
lespie, a negro, to-day assaulted, beat,  
and robbed Miss Mary Stumpf, the nine-  
teen-year-old daughter of F. A. Stumpf,  
while on her way to the Catholic Cathed-  
ral for 7 o'clock mass.Miss Stumpf is in such a condition at  
the present time that physicians attend-  
ing her have grave fears of the result.  
Her face is a mass of bruises and cuts.  
The negro was caught shortly after and  
placed in the city jail.Despite the earliness of the hour, num-  
bers of citizens became aware of the  
crime and organized for the purpose of  
lynching the negro. Judge Witt at this  
junction called to his aid the entire po-  
lice department to guard the jail, and an-  
nounced to the infuriated mob that he  
would convene a special grand jury on  
Monday or Tuesday to indict the negro,  
and that the trial would speedily follow.This statement from the judge had its  
immediate effect, for the crowd became  
quieted, and later in the day dispersed.  
To-night there is little danger of a lyn-  
ching being attempted, though every pre-  
caution to guard against every contingency  
is being taken by the police.

## LIMITS NUMBER OF SALOONS.

Gov. Landis, of City of Mexico, Pre-  
pares Stringent Ordinance.Mexico City, Jan. 10.—Gov. Landis, of  
the federal district, in which this city  
is situated, has prepared an ordinance  
which will be passed at an early meet-  
ing of the municipal council limiting the  
number of saloons to one in every 600  
feet. This is equivalent to about two  
average city blocks. The passage of the  
ordinance will mean the closing of nearly  
one-half the saloons and pulque shops  
that are now in the city.

## Expensive to Cast Vote.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 10.—It will cost  
the State of Ohio \$14.20 to cast her twenty-  
three electoral votes for William H. Taft  
as President and James E. Sherman as  
Vice President, according to the report  
of the committee on mileage and per diem,  
adopted by the Ohio electoral col-  
lege.MISSING LETTER  
BE HELD CAPTIVEMysterious Letters Received,  
and Mother Prostrated.

## KIDNAPPING SUSPECTED

Portman McGee Starts to Work  
and Strangely Disappears.Missives Received at His Home Be-  
lieved to Indicate That Youth Is  
Being Detained in or Near City Un-  
der Duress—Authorities Reticent  
and Are Working Hard on Case.  
No Clue Has Been Discovered.Every policeman on duty in Washing-  
ton and a corps of detectives from the  
Central office worked last night in an  
effort to find Portman McGee, fourteen  
years old, who is believed to have been  
kidnapped and detained in this city by  
his captors.The boy has been missing from his  
home, at Piney Branch road and Bright-  
wood avenue, since Saturday morning,  
when he started to work. Relatives did  
not fear for his safety until late yester-  
day afternoon, when three special deliv-  
ery letters were received by his mother.

Notified Police.

The boy's father, Samuel McGee,  
boarded a car and rode to police head-  
quarters, where he notified the police of  
the mysterious circumstances surround-  
ing the boy's disappearance. He turned  
the letters over to the police, who re-  
fuse to divulge their contents. It is  
known that two of the letters were  
written by Portman and the third by a  
person unknown to the boy's relatives.The letters written by the boy were  
addressed in his own handwriting to his  
mother. The writing was shaky and the  
words badly written. Portman was  
first taken to be a good penman, and for  
this reason it is thought he wrote the  
letters under pressure and probably  
against his will.In the first letter Portman wrote: "I  
am all right, mother. Do not be alarmed.  
I will probably be home late to-night."  
Mrs. McGee was somewhat relieved when  
she received the letter, but half an hour  
later she received the second missive,  
written in her son's handwriting, which  
caused her alarm. The boy wrote: "I  
will not be home to-night, but do not  
worry. Everything will be all right. I  
cannot tell you where I am or what I am  
doing. Good-bye until you hear from me  
again."

## Third Letter Received.

Mrs. McGee showed the letters to her  
husband, and asked him to notify the  
police. McGee declined, saying he  
thought the boy would be found or would  
return home in a few days.About 5 o'clock a messenger boy  
brought the third letter to the McGee  
home. This letter was written in a  
strange handwriting. Its author is ap-  
parently illiterate, as the writing is poor  
and many of the words misspelled. The  
writer says: "Your son will not be home  
for some days, but do not get scared. He  
will show up all right. Do not get fright-  
ened and tell the police, for he will re-  
turn home soon."Immediately after the receipt of the  
third letter McGee came to Washington  
and informed the police. Messenger boys  
who carried the letter from the sender  
to the McGee home had not been located  
at a late hour. It is thought these lads  
can tell from the letters where the boy  
was and in this way give the detectives  
a clue.All of the letters were sent from a  
point in this city, it is thought, although  
the police will neither admit or deny  
this. The reticence of police officials is  
regarded as an indication of the serious-  
ness of the boy's disappearance.

## Nearly Prostrated.

Mrs. McGee is nearly prostrated at her  
home as a result of the worry she has  
experienced. McGee said last night to a  
reporter for The Washington Herald: "I  
believe the police will find the boy. It  
is a mysterious affair and I am afraid pub-  
licity will interfere with work of the po-  
lice.""Portman was a messenger boy and  
worked for a local publication, distribut-  
ing the sheets on his bicycle. He was paid  
Friday night and when he returned home  
left the money in a bureau drawer in his  
room. He arose early Saturday morning  
and left for work. That is the last time  
he was seen by relatives.""He did not put in an appearance at  
the office where he is employed, and in-  
vestigation by myself showed he has not  
been seen by any of his companions. I  
have visited a number of friends, where  
I thought he might have gone, but he  
has not been seen.""When we received the mysterious let-  
ters, we realized the boy was not staying  
away of his own accord. He had no rea-  
son to leave home, even for a few days.  
I have no enemies who would detain the  
boy to injure me, and I believe Portman  
was well liked. If he is held captive, it  
is not for money, as I am not rich and  
am not connected with wealthy persons.  
I have a number of theories concerning  
the boy's disappearance, but I do not  
care to state these, as it might make his  
recovery more difficult."

## COURT-MARTIAL TO OPEN.

Maj. Fremont Faces Charges of  
Making Degradatory Statements.Havana, Jan. 10.—Gov. Magoon has re-  
turned from his tour of the eastern part  
of the island. He says he is well satisfied  
with the conditions there. The court-  
martial will begin to-morrow at Sagua la  
Grande of Maj. Francis H. Fremont, of  
the Fifth Infantry, who is charged with  
making derogatory statements regarding  
Maj. Clark, of the same regiment.Antique Mahogany at Auction.  
The collection of antique mahogany  
furniture, mirrors, prints, brass goods,  
curios, etc., formed by Mr. A. Mendelsohn,  
of Philadelphia, will be sold at auction  
by catalogue at Sloan's, 1407 G street,  
commencing next Wednesday morning.  
The collection will be on view from Mon-  
day at 9 a. m. up to hour of sale. Your  
inspection is invited.

## WOMAN'S LIFE LOST IN FIRE.

Perished in Building at Chester  
Heights; Rest of Family Escaped.Media, Pa., Jan. 10.—Mrs. T. Bromall,  
an aged widow, who has been actively  
identified with the Chester Heights camp  
meetings, was burned to death after mid-  
night this morning in the dwelling of her  
son-in-law, Thomas Conclon. John  
Bromall, a ten-year-old grandson, was  
heroically rescued after lapsing into un-  
consciousness from smoke, by Alexander  
Thomas, Mrs. Conclon, in an effort to  
save her mother, was badly burned, as  
was also her husband, who struggled to  
keep his wife from dashing into the  
flames.

## GARY WANTS THE COURTS.

Steel City Going After the Things It  
Feels It Must Have.Indianapolis, Jan. 10.—Representatives  
of the new steel city of Gary are here to-  
night trying to arrange to transport all  
the members of the legislature to the  
sand dunes of Lake Michigan and show  
them what a great change has been  
wrought in the past year.Gary wants a superior court and board  
within its precincts and the people have  
raised \$3,000 to pay for a special train to  
transport the legislators, and to provide  
for their entertainment while there.

## FORM A BIG MERGER

Independent Fertilizer Firms  
Organize in Baltimore.

IS CAPITALIZED AT \$50,000,000

Firms of a Majority of Baltimore  
Fertilizer Firms to Join Necessitates  
Change of Plans—South Will Be  
the Principal Field of Activity.  
Taken by Morgan Syndicate.Baltimore, Jan. 10.—A merger of inde-  
pendent fertilizer interests under the  
name of the Independent Fertilizer Com-  
pany has been finally accomplished, ac-  
cording to semi-official statements made  
to-day, though not along the lines  
originally planned, owing to the refusal  
of a majority of the Baltimore companies  
to join on the terms offered.The company is capitalized at \$50,000,000,  
equally divided between common and pre-  
ferred stock. For the present the cor-  
poration will issue only \$20,000,000 of  
stock—\$15,000,000 common and \$5,000,000  
preferred.The Independent Fertilizer Company  
will have an annual output at the start  
of 1,000,000 tons of fertilizer against 2,  
000,000 expected when the deal was first  
considered.J. P. Morgan & Co., of New York, have  
agreed to finance the combine. Of the  
stock to be issued, it is understood that  
about \$10,000,000 of the common will be  
given in payments for plants to be taken  
over and an equal amount of the pre-  
ferred will be bought by the present  
owners of the plants, payment for this  
stock to be in cash. The subscription  
prices will be par.

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About \$5,000,000 of the preferred will be  
underwritten by the Morgan syndicate.  
The money realized from this sale will  
be used to pay for sulphuric acid and  
phosphate beds in Tennessee of the Ten-  
nessee Copper Company which have been  
acquired by the new trust. The plants  
which will be included in the combine  
will be appraised and payment be made  
on the basis of actual value without re-  
gard to value of good will, brands, etc.About forty companies, extending from  
Baltimore to Florida and several in the  
West, have given options on their busi-  
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